

Size: 420 acres
Mission: Produced aircraft and aircraft missile components
HRS Score: 50.00; proposed for NPL in January 1994
IAG Status: None
Contaminants: PCBs, petroleum hydrocarbons, VOCs, and metals
Media Affected: Groundwater, surface water, sediment, and soil
Funding to Date: \$3.8 million
Estimated Cost to Completion (Completion Year): \$0 (FY2000)
Final Remedy in Place or Response Complete Date for All Sites: FY2000



Columbus, Ohio

Restoration Background

Environmental studies since FY86 have identified 11 sites and 1 area of concern (AOC) at Air Force Plant No. 85. Historical operations at the installation involved use of solvents and petroleum products. Contaminants include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which have affected groundwater, surface water, sediment, and soil. Decision documents have been prepared for 9 of the 11 sites; however, the Air Force has not received concurrence from regulatory agencies on any of the documents.

In FY94, the installation conducted supplemental investigations of pesticide contamination at the fire training area. In FY95, the installation began to remove soil contaminated with PCBs. In FY96, the AOC was closed under a letter of concurrence from the Ohio EPA, and the installation began a groundwater and surface water investigation. Fieldwork on the investigation was completed in FY97.

In FY97, the Aeronautical Systems Center began using the State of Ohio's Voluntary Action Program rules, which were codified in that year. The restoration of the fire training area was deferred, pending further analyses. The site may be closed after a risk assessment is conducted.

In FY95, the installation formed a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) and began an educational program for RAB members. A public meeting held in FY97 determined that the continuation of the RAB was not necessary. The public and the installation agreed that information will be provided to the community informally, as needed.

FY98 Restoration Progress

A PCB-contaminated soil site was remediated, and regulator concurrence was obtained. Investigations began under Ohio's Voluntary Action Program. In addition, Air Force Plant No. 85 property was sold, with sales proceeds to be used for environmental restoration.

Plan of Action

- Use sales proceeds for remediation activities in FY99 and beyond
- Obtain concurrence from regulators on final closure of sites by FY00
- Update community and provide information as needed

FY99 FUNDING BY PHASE AND RELATIVE RISK

All sites are in the long-term monitoring phase.